

Mackay and Regional Football Zone Inc.

Junior Standing Committee Meeting

Mackay Football Park

2nd February 2016

Meeting Opened: 6:35 pm

Attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Ken Griffin	Country
Gerry Dogao	Lions
Warren Carey	Lions
David Sanewski	Sarina
Melinda Griffin	MRFZ
Simon Byrnes	West's
Dean Lynch	City Brothers
Darryl Cash	MRFZ
Ashley Miles	Rangers
Chris Miles	Rangers
Tania Wood	Wanderers
Zelko Biki	Lions

Apologies: Nil

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Moved by: Ken Griffin
Seconded by: Dean Lynch

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

U11 Age Policy:

- Max of 4 U11 playing up into U12 s across all teams has been included in Rules
- Rotation of assessed U11 players acceptable has been included in Rules
- Assessment Fee (\$15) for U11s playing up as with all player assessments for all age groups

Age Divisions:

- FQ Age Policy will be followed

FQ Meeting:

- MRFZ has contributed \$1,200 to FQ for advertising package on radio

Gate fee for 2016:

- To cover grounds maintenance – Businesses can approach MRFZ for EOI to provide grounds maintenance
- MRFZ to charge \$2 per adult per day (pass out stamp will be provided)
- MRFZ will also sell \$40 books of 20 tickets
- MRFZ has asked for the formation of a Grounds Committee – clubs should ask for those interested to approach MRFZ or the JSC

Club Sign On Ad for 2016:

- MRFZ has set up for a page in the Daily Mercury for those clubs interested

AIA Vitality Squirts:

- MRFZ has emailed FQ asking when the equipment will arrive

Rep Program:

- MRFZ has discussed dates
- Parents education/information night will be held

New Business:

New Technical Director:

- Melinda introduced Darryl Cash as the new Technical Director
- Darryl asked what clubs want as these will form the basis for his KPI's
- He will be open to afternoon club visits for teams to coach or coach education
- MRFZ will provide email contact for Darryl
- Grassroots will need 12 registered through FQ website before going ahead
- Darryl was U13 boys state coach last year
- Looking at a Development program for U10/11

New Grounds:

- A small group of volunteers have been helping move furnishings from Barbour Park and start to improve the fields and building at the new grounds
- There is a list of work that other volunteers can assist MRFZ both with the fields (i.e. Line-marking, mowing, etc) and building (eg. insect proofing, putting white boards up, bench seating, etc)
- Gerry (Lions) will see if some fertiliser scrapings can be sourced and spread over the fields to combat sensitive weed

2016 Rules:

- Sect 2.1.2 – Lions moved that players should be allowed to play up to 2 years above their age without player assessment. Not as written in the rules which stated a player can play up one age group without assessment and with consecutive age groups this would mean one year. Motion failed – 6 to 4 to keep the rule as written

- Sect 2.1.2 - MRFZ later explained that the wording was meant to reflect that players may play in an age group up to 2 years above their age without player assessment being needed. Clubs asked for wording change to reflect the intention of the rule and voted again on the changed wording. Motion to uphold MRFZ intention for rule after wording changes - Passed unanimously
- Sect 2.1.1 – Wording should also be changed to reflect similar ruling to sect 2.1.2
- Girls age grouping – Safety concerns have been raised with U12 girls playing against U15 girls. Lions moved that age groups be split into U12/13 and U14/15. Motion passed unanimously.
- TD was asked what occurred in other districts and he indicated that girls playing mixed is appropriate for up to around U14 and then ideally if girls play in girls only competitions
- Girls only competitive is hoped to attract girls playing soccer who would like to play in girls only competitions.

2016 Opening Day:

- Back-up plan if wet weather will be to have opening indoors as this is required for the Government grants
- Probable start time of 9am
- Possible days activities include – March past, Marching drum band, Jumping Castle, Clinics and politician interactive games
- Dignitaries – Federal, State and Local Government, Bulk Ports, FQ and FFA
- Plaques from Barbour park will be framed and displayed
- Contact Nev Taylor to see if he is willing to dismantle the display cabinet at Barbour Park

Barbour Park:

- MRFZ still has control of the site until 12th April 2016
- Wests container needs to be moved
- Durelli grandstand on field #1 has been offered to Lions
- Shed will need a removal application from Council

Mackay Football Park:

- Fields 1, 2 & 3 have been sprayed
- Water pump donated and irrigation pipework set up by volunteers
- Carparks – 100 on bitumen or road base and then the grassed areas; Coppers logs would help maximise the numbers of cars and MRFZ is seeking donations of these
- Priority is the fields
- Project has used up all Contingency and MRFZ had to apply for a \$60k bank loan to cover the period prior to payment from clubs of 2016 fees; FQ loan has been paid back
- Question arose if it is possible to ask FQ for another loan to finish off the fields. MRFZ can but still this money needs to be paid back eventually
- Sponsorship being sort to have naming rights to fields – Life Without Barriers suggested as possible sponsor

- Work for the Dole – MRFZ has applied for assistance using the Work for the Dole system to finish projects with MRFZ providing supervisors

Canteen:

- Not intending to keep going with WAS school; MRFZ to look at employing own people
- MRFZ to charge \$1.50 per player to cover the costs of employing the people
- It was suggested that the canteen should be profitable in its own right and MRFZ indicated that these measures would help assist that before other measures can be looked at.
- Coffee/Soft drinks will be sold from the Bar area to separate the food service area
- Motion that clubs agree to pay the \$1.50 per player for 2016 and the profitability of the canteen be monitored. Motion passed unanimously

Merchandising:

- Suggestion that vending type machines be looked at for things such as shin pads
- MRFZ intends to invite Sports Power to the Opening Day

Team Sheets:

- MRFZ intends to do away with Non-competitive team sheet books and use photocopied sheets instead
- Competitive age groups will still have to fill out Team books as per seniors

MRFZ Treasurer:

- Position of MRFZ Treasurer is still unfilled if people are interested

Duty Roster:

- MRFZ to work out what needs to be done and amend the document as they go this season at the new grounds

MyFootballClub:

- No issues raised
- Clubs have reported that the call centre is not available all day Saturday and Sunday
- If issues identified contact MRFZ or Catherine Ware at FQ

Hire of Function Room:

- MRFZ intends to make the function room available for hire – casual and regular hire
- MRFZ does not intend to make the Kitchen commercial standard at this stage but instead will allow commercial caterers to access the kitchen
- No intention to air condition the hall for another year

MRFZ Office Staff:

- Melinda asked that the JSC acknowledge the Office Staff, and Life Members, who have been volunteering their time to assist the move to the new grounds.

- Gerry (Lions) gave a vote of thanks and acknowledgement on behalf of all clubs to Sharon Smith, Heather Patullo and Melinda Griffin who have worked through this difficult time – JSC re-affirmed this acknowledgement.

Age for Juniors to play Seniors:

- MRFZ to check the current FQ Age Policy – Boys turning 16 or over may play seniors; Girls turning 15 or over may play seniors
- Can the age policy be again emailed to all clubs

Girls playing in Colts:

- Junior rules currently has a Girls only division for U16 to U18
- As per Sect 2.1.4 girls may play in Colts if they wish to

Super Saturdays:

- Lions raised the option of having Super Saturdays for clubs with juniors through to seniors playing on the same day
- MRFZ asked that if clubs wish to this then they need to submit a formal proposal to MRFZ detailing how the club intends to run it

Travel to other centres:

- MRFZ are unable to say at this stage what requirements for junior teams to travel will be

JSC Chairperson:

- No-one has volunteered to be Chairperson so it will be shared between the JSC members

Meeting Closed: 8:20 pm

Next Meeting: 8th March 2016 at 6:30pm